comfort, First Class Coaches are being replaced with II A.C. Sleepers.

(vii) Replacement of 24 Volt battery system with End-on and Mid-on Generation system.

(viii) Rings below the lower berths provided to enable the passengers to secure their boxes, suit cases, etc. using their own chains and padlocks.

(ix) To improve ventilation, the number of fans in each bay/compartment have been increased from 2 to 3. To provide the increased number of fans, the generating capacity has been increased from 3 KW to 4.5 KW.

(x) In addition to provision of Basic amenities at different stations both regular/flag and halt stations, Railways are also providing some additional amenities like Waiting Rooms, Retiring Rooms, Refreshment Rooms, Platform Shelter, etc. in a phased manner keeping in view the volume of traffic dealt with at the Station subject to availability of funds.

Restoration of peak speed of trains

122. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restore the peak speed of most of superfast mail and express trains, hauled by electric locos, from November this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

दिल्ली और कानपुर के बीच ई० एम० यू० गाड़ियां

123. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली और कानपुर के बीच ई० एम० यू० गाड़ियां चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) इन गाड़ियों के कब तक प्रारम्भ कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली-कानपुर जैसे खण्डों पर बिजली गाड़ी सेट टाइप के परिचालन परीक्षण करने का प्रस्ताव है। इस समय कोई समय सीमा नहीं बतायी जा सकती है।

इलाहाबाद जंक्शन पर खान-पान के स्टाल

124. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाहाबाद जंक्शन पर प्लेटफार्मों पर खान-पान के स्टालों की कुल संख्या क्या है ;

(ख) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान कितने और प्लेटफार्मों की संख्या बढ़ाई गयी है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार प्लेटफार्मों की बढ़ी हुई संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए स्टालों की संख्या में भी वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद) : (क) 11.

(ख) एक द्वीप प्लेटफार्म।

(ग) जी नहीं। इलाहाबाद के प्लेटफार्मों पर अत्यधिक भीड़ रहती है और

खान-पान सेवाओं की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए समायोजन नये प्लेटफार्म पर किया जायेगा ।

Navodaya Vidyalayas in States

125. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of Navodaya Vidyalayas which have been opened so far alongwith their locations;

(b) when this scheme was launched and what is the number of such Vidyalayas which are actually functioning;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints from various States, if so, what the details thereof; and

(d) whether Operation Blackboard has suffered any shortage of funds due to this scheme; if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme was launched during 1985-86. 209 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established and are functioning till date. A Statement showing the State-wise number of Navodaya Vidyalayas and their locations is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 3].

(c) In view of the fact that the Navodaya Vidyalayas Scheme at its formative stage, the Vidyalayas are mostly located in buildings offered by the State/UT Governments temporarily and that the teachers are being recruited initially on deputation basis only, certain difficulties were brought to the notice of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti. All possible remedial measures are being taken to remove such difficulties.

(d) No, Sir.

Laying and electrification of Rail Lines

126. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the kilometrage of railway lines laid by the Railways during 1987-88;

(b) what is the kilometrage of railway lines that has been electrified in different sections in each of the railway zone in the country during 1987-88; and

(c) what are the immediate and future plans of Railways in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 188 Km.

(b) 681 Km. of railway lines comprising of the following sections have been energised during 1987-88:—

Railway	Section	Km
Central	Babina-Bareth	160
Southern	Royapuram-Korakkupet	2
South	Dornakal-Ramgundam	188
Central	Krishna Canal-Guntur	26
South	Champa-Korba	38
Eastern	Tupkadih-Talgaria	33
Western	Ghat-ka-Varna-Vikram Garh Alot	234
	TOTAL :	681